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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 15 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2000/785 and S/2000/867)*

Sierra Leone (Review of the measures imposed by paragraph 1 of resolution 1306 (2000))

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 1319 (2000)

Other matters

*With a view to a formal meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1439th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3.15 p.m.- 4 p.m.	26th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 16th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Papua New Guinea

Malaysia

Portugal

Iceland

United Arab Emirates

Cuba

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Republic

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

New Zealand

Côte d'Ivoire

Islamic Republic of Iran

3 p.m. 17th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Solomon Islands

Uganda

Saint Lucia

Kenya

Belarus

Austria

Paraguay

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Poland

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers
2. Organization of work (A/55/250, A/C.3/55/L.1 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 15 September 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

GROUP OF 77

Twenty-fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

RIO GROUP

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON SIERRA LEONE
(at the ministerial level)

3 p.m. -6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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There will be a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council *today*, 15 September 2000, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum *today*, 15 September 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Peter Hain, MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom, will speak on "The Challenges of Governance in Africa". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for diplomats and the staff in the United Nations system at Headquarters *today*, 15 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, by the Foreign Minister of Benin on the preparation for the Fourth International Conference on New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Cotonou, Benin, from 4 to 6 December 2000.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 16 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 18th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister and Minister for National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Fiji

Czech Republic

San Marino

Turkey

Hungary

Slovenia

Oman

Suriname

3 p.m. 19th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Luxembourg

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Albania

Brunei Darussalam

Angola

El Salvador

Gabon

Cape Verde

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Monday, 18 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	20th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	21st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items will be opened on Wednesday, 20 September.

The Third Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September, by consideration of agenda items 103 and 104.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1)* and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2)*; (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376*).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold informal (informal) consultations on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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The sixteenth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 18 and 19 September 2000, in Conference Room VIII.

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The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than *today*, 15 September 2000.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 18 to 20 September 2000 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work is contained in document E/ICEF/2000/14.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Annual Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries will hold their first Annual Ministerial Meeting on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Briefings

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee: Monday, 18 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

2. Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4196th (private) meeting

The situation in Somalia

Briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4196th meeting, held in private on 14 September 2000, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Somalia".

His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, was invited to participate in the discussion.

The Security Council heard a briefing by His Excellency Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh, during which, amongst other things, he requested the Council to give serious consideration to a United Nations post-conflict peacebuilding mission in Somalia.

The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing.

Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

14th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add.4) [122]

The Assembly took note that Grenada and Guinea had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.4.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Selim El-Hoss, President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lebanese Republic; H.E. Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; H.E. The Right Honourable Robin Cook, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Abdurrahman Shalghem, Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. Mr. Joschka Fischer, Deputy Chancellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany; H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Shara', Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic; H.E. Mr. Brian Cowen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Ms. Anna Lindh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; and H.E. Mr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

15th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada; H.E. The Honourable Paul Robertson, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Oskaras Jusys, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania; H.E. Mr. Nizar Obaid Madani, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; H.E. Mr. Jozias van Aartsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Belkhadem, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria; H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas López, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Petre Roman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania; H.E. Mr. Abdul Ilah El-Khatib, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. Mr. George Papandreou, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. Mr. Josep Piqué, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; and H.E. Mrs. Camara Hadja Mahawa Bangoura, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso and Guinea.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 2nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/179).

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Twentieth Meeting 26th meeting

Note: The summary of the 26th meeting of the States parties will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/179).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea, 1978. Hamburg, 31 March 1978

Accession: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (12 September 2000)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Belarus (13 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Belarus (13 September 2000)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Tunisia (12 September 2000)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Peru (14 September 2000)

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Signature: Madagascar (14 September 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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